

been informed of the basis of such decision, the tribal organization may file a written appeal to the Contract Proposal Declination Appeals Board within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Declination Notice and may request an informal or formal hearing. The written appeal should either refute or overcome the objections stated as a basis for disapproval. The Contract Proposal Declination Appeals Board shall consider such an appeal, conduct any requested hearing thereon, and recommend a decision to the Director, Indian Health Service, or his representative whose decision shall be final.

(b)(1) The tribal organization and the Indian tribe or tribes affected shall be notified, in writing, of the date, time, place, and purpose of the hearing. The hearing will be conducted within 30 calendar days of written request for a hearing or at such later time as may be agreed upon. The IHS will authorize payment of transportation costs and per diem to allow adequate representation of the applicant, if the meeting is more than 50 miles from the office of the applicant.

(2) The hearing may be held under such rules as may be agreed upon.

(c) If formal hearing is requested, it will be conducted within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of the written request for a hearing or at such later time as may be agreed upon, and the notice of hearing shall specify in writing the date, time, place, and purpose of the hearing and shall afford the tribe or tribal organization the right:

- (1) To written notice of the issues to be considered;
- (2) To be represented by counsel;
- (3) To written record of the hearing;
- (4) To present and cross-examine witnesses;
- (5) To file written statements prior to the hearing;
- (6) To compel the appearance of Indian Health Service personnel or to take depositions of such persons at reasonable times and places.
- (d) The decision of the Director, IHS, or his representative on the appeals will be rendered within 15 calendar days from the date of receipt by the Director of the IHS of the Board's recommendation.

(e) The Contract Proposal Declination Appeals Board shall be composed of 5 members appointed by the Director, Indian Health Service, one of whom shall be designated to serve as Chairman.

PROCUREMENT

§ 36.215 Applicability of regulations.

Contracts with tribal organizations resulting from the submission of Indian Self-Determination Contract Proposals as authorized in Pub. L. 93–638 shall be in accordance with chapters 1 and 3 of 41 CFR.

§ 36.216 Waivers.

(a) The Secretary may, for good cause shown, waive for the purposes of a specific contract any federal contracting laws and regulations which he determines are not appropriate for the purposes of the contract involved or are inconsistent with the Act.

(b) Requests for waivers may be initiated by tribal organizations or IHS contracting officers. Such requests will be forwarded to the Director, IHS for decision or further processing to the Secretary as required.

(c) A waiver request shall set forth clearly and precisely the following:

- (1) The nature and basis of the needed waiver;
- (2) Identification of the procurement regulation provision from which the waiver is needed;
- (3) The circumstances under which the waiver would be used;
- (4) The intended effect of the waiver;
- (5) The length of time for which it can be anticipated that the waiver will be required;
- (6) Reasons which will contribute to complete understanding and support of the requested waiver;
- (7) Copies of pertinent background papers such as forms, contractor requests, etc.

(d) Whenever a waiver is requested by a tribal organization and such request is denied, the tribal organization will be notified of the reasons for denial.